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Some properties of starlike harmonic mappings

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Abstract

A fundamental result of this paper shows that the transformation

$$F = \frac{az(h(\frac{z+a}{1+\overline{a}z}) + \overline{g(\frac{z+a}{1+\overline{a}z})})}{(h(a)+\overline{g(a)})(z+a)(1+\overline{a}z)}$$

defines a function in $S^0_{HS^*}$ whenever $f = h(z) + \overline{g(z)}$ is $S^0_{HS^*}$, and we will give an application of this fundamental result.

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1 Introduction

Let Ω be the family of functions $\phi(z)$ which are regular in $\mathbb{D}$ and satisfy the conditions $\phi(0) = 0$, $|\phi(z)| < 1$ for all $z \in \mathbb{D}$; denote by $\mathcal{P}$ the family of functions

$$p(z) = 1 + p_1 z + p_2 z^2 + \cdots$$

regular in $\mathbb{D}$, such that $p(z)$ is in $\mathcal{P}$ if and only if

$$p(z) = \frac{1+\phi(z)}{1-\phi(z)} \tag{1.1}$$

for some function $\phi(z) \in \Omega$ and every $z \in \mathbb{D}$.

Next, let $s_1(z) = z + c_2 z^2 + c_3 z^3 + \cdots$ and $s_2(z) = z + d_2 z^2 + d_3 z^3 + \cdots$ be regular functions in $\mathbb{D}$, if there exists $\phi(z) \in \Omega$ such that $s_1(z) = s_2(\phi(z))$ for all $z \in \mathbb{D}$, then we say that $s_1(z)$ is subordinated to $s_2(z)$ and we write $s_1(z) \prec s_2(z)$, then $s_1(\mathbb{D}) \subset s_2(\mathbb{D})$.

Moreover, univalent harmonic functions are generalizations of univalent regular functions; the point of departure is the canonical representation

$$f = h(z) + \overline{g(z)}, \quad g(0) = 0 \tag{1.2}$$

of a harmonic function f in the unit disc $\mathbb{D}$ as the sum of a regular function $h(z)$ and the conjugate of a regular function $g(z)$. With the convention that $g(0) = 0$, the representation

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is unique. The power series expansions of $h(z)$ and $g(z)$ are denoted by

$$h(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n, \qquad g(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n z^n. \tag{1.3}$$

If f is a sense-preserving harmonic mapping of $\mathbb{D}$ onto some other region, then, by Lewy theorem, its Jacobian is strictly positive, *i.e.*,

$$J_{f(z)} = \left|h'(z)\right|^2 - \left|g'(z)\right|^2 > 0. \tag{1.4}$$

Equivalently [1], the inequality $|g'(z)| < |h'(z)|$ holds for all $z \in \mathbb{D}$. This shows, in particular, that $h'(z) \neq 0$, so there is no loss of generality in supposing that $h(0) = 0$ and $h'(0) = 1$. The class of all sense-preserving harmonic mappings of the disc with $a_0 = b_0 = 0$ and $a_1 = 1$ will be denoted by S_H. Thus S_H contains the standard class S of regular univalent functions. Although the regular part $h(z)$ of a function $f \in S_H$ is locally univalent, it will become apparent that it need not be univalent. The class of functions $f \in S_H$ with $g'(0) = 0$ will be denoted by S_H^0. At the same time, we note that S_H is a normal family and S_H^0 is a compact normal family [2].

Finally, let $f = h(z) + \overline{g(z)}$ be an element S_H (or S_H^0). If f satisfies the condition

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial\theta}\left(\operatorname{Arg} f\left(re^{i\theta}\right)\right) = \operatorname{Re}\left(\frac{zh'(z) - \overline{zg'(z)}}{h(z) + \overline{g(z)}}\right) > 0 \tag{1.5}$$

then f is called harmonic starlike function. The class of such functions is denoted by S_{HS^*} (or $S_{HS^*}^0$). Also, let $f = h(z) + \overline{g(z)}$ be an element S_H (or S_H^0). If f satisfies the condition

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial\theta}\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial\theta}\left(\operatorname{Arg} f\left(re^{i\theta}\right)\right)\right) = \operatorname{Re}\left(\frac{z(zh'(z))' - \overline{z(zg'(z))'}}{zh'(z) + \overline{zg'(z)}}\right) > 0, \tag{1.6}$$

then f is called a convex harmonic function. The class of convex harmonic functions is denoted by S_{HC} (or S_{HC}^0).

For the aim of this paper, we will need the following lemma and theorem.

Lemma 1.1 ([2, p.51]) *If $f = h(z) + \overline{g(z)} \in S_{HC}$, then there exist angles α and β such that*

$$\operatorname{Re}\left[\left(e^{i\alpha}h'(z) + e^{-i\alpha}g'(z)\right)\left(e^{i\beta} - e^{-i\beta}z^2\right)\right] > 0 \tag{1.7}$$

for all $z \in \mathbb{D}$.

Theorem 1.2 ([2, p.108]) *If $f = h(z) + \overline{g(z)} \in S_H$ is a starlike function and if $H(z)$ and $G(z)$ are the regular functions defined by $zH'(z) = h(z)$, $zG'(z) = -g(z)$, $H(0) = G(0) = 0$, then $F = H(z) + \overline{G(z)}$ is a convex function.*

2 Main results

Lemma 2.1 *Let $f = h(z) + \overline{g(z)}$ be an element of S_{HC}^0, then*

$$\frac{G(\alpha,\beta,-r)}{(1+r^2)^2} \leq \left|h'(z) + e^{-2i\alpha}g'(z)\right| \leq \frac{G(\alpha,\beta,r)}{(1-r^2)^2}, \tag{2.1}$$

where

$$G(\alpha,\beta,r) = 2\cos(\alpha+\beta)r + \sqrt{1+\left[2\cos(\alpha+\beta)\right]r^2+r^4},$$
$$\cos(\alpha+\beta) > 0.$$

Proof Using Theorem 1.2, we write

$$p(z) = \left(e^{i\alpha}h'(z) + e^{-i\alpha}g'(z)\right)\left(e^{i\beta} - e^{-i\beta}z^2\right), \quad \operatorname{Re} p(z) > 0,$$
$$p(0) = \left(e^{i\alpha}h'(0) + e^{-i\alpha}g'(0)\right)\left(e^{-i\beta} - e^{i\beta}0^2\right) = \cos(\alpha+\beta) + i\sin(\alpha+\beta).$$

On the other hand, since

$$p(z) = \left[\cos(\alpha+\beta) + i\sin(\alpha+\beta)\right] + p_1 z + p_2 z^2 + \cdots$$

is regular and satisfies the condition $\operatorname{Re} p(z) > 0$, with $\cos(\alpha+\beta) > 0$, the function

$$p_1(z) = \frac{1}{\cos(\alpha+\beta)}\left[p(z) - i\sin(\alpha+\beta)\right] \tag{2.2}$$

is an element of $\mathcal{P}$ [4]. Therefore, we have

$$\left|p_1(z) - \frac{1+r^2}{1-r^2}\right| \le \frac{2r}{1-r^2}. \tag{2.3}$$

After simple calculations from (2.3), we get (2.1). □

Corollary 2.2 *Let $f = h(z) + \overline{g(z)}$ be an element of S^0_{HC}, then*

$$\frac{G(\alpha,\beta,-r)}{(1+r^2)^2(1-r)} \le \left|h'(z)\right| \le \frac{G(\alpha,\beta,r)}{(1-r)^3(1+r)^2}, \tag{2.4}$$
$$\frac{|w(z)|G(\alpha,\beta,-r)}{(1+r^2)^2(1-r)} \le \left|g'(z)\right| \le \frac{rG(\alpha,\beta,r)}{(1-r)^3(1+r)^2}. \tag{2.5}$$

Proof Since $f \in S^0_{HC}$, then $g'(z) = h'(z)w(z)$ and the second dilatation $w(z)$ satisfies the condition of Schwarz lemma, then the inequality (2.1) can be written in the form

$$\frac{G(\alpha,\beta,-r)}{|1+e^{-2i\alpha}w(z)|(1+r^2)^2(1-r)} \le \left|h'(z)\right| \le \frac{G(\alpha,\beta,r)}{|1+e^{-2i\alpha}w(z)|(1-r^2)^2} \tag{2.6}$$

which is given in (2.4) and (2.5). □

Corollary 2.3 *Let $f = h(z) + g(z)$ be an element of S^0_{CH}, then*

$$\frac{rG(\alpha,\beta,-r)}{(1+r^2)^2(1-r)} \le \left|h(z)\right| \le \frac{rG(\alpha,\beta,r)}{(1-r)^3(1+r)^2}, \tag{2.7}$$
$$\frac{|w(z)|rG(\alpha,\beta,-r)}{(1+r^2)^2(1-r)} \le \left|g(z)\right| \le \frac{r^2G(\alpha,\beta,r)}{(1-r)^3(1+r)^2}. \tag{2.8}$$

Proof Using Theorem 1.2 and Corollary 2.2, we obtain (2.7) and (2.8). □

Theorem 2.4 *If $f = h(z) + \overline{g(z)}$ is in $S^0_{HS^*}$ and a is in $\mathbb{D}$, then*

$$F = \frac{az(h(\frac{z+a}{1+\overline{a}z}) + \overline{g(\frac{z+a}{1+\overline{a}z})})}{(h(a) + \overline{g(a)})(z+a)(1+\overline{a}z)} \tag{2.9}$$

is likewise in $S^0_{HS^*}$.

Proof For ρ real, $0 < \rho < 1$, let

$$F_\rho = \frac{az(h(\rho(\frac{z+a}{1+\overline{a}z})) + \overline{g(\rho(\frac{z+a}{1+\overline{a}z}))})}{(h(\rho a) + \overline{g(\rho a)})(z+a)(1+\overline{a}z)} \tag{2.10}$$

then we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{zF_{\rho z} - \overline{z}F_{\rho\overline{z}}}{F_\rho} \\ &\quad = 1 - \frac{z}{z+a} + \frac{\overline{a}z}{1+\overline{a}z} + \frac{(1-|a|)z}{(1+\overline{a}z)(z+a)} \cdot \frac{(\rho(\frac{z+a}{1+\overline{a}z}))h'(\rho(\frac{z+a}{1+\overline{a}z}))}{h(\rho(\frac{z+a}{1+\overline{a}z})) + \overline{g(\rho(\frac{z+a}{1+\overline{a}z}))}} \\ &\qquad - \frac{(1-|a|^2)\overline{z}}{(1+\overline{a}z)(z+a)} \cdot \frac{\overline{\rho(\frac{z+a}{1+\overline{a}z})g'(\rho(\frac{z+a}{1+\overline{a}z}))}}{h(\rho(\frac{z+a}{1+\overline{a}z})) + \overline{g(\rho(\frac{z+a}{1+\overline{a}z}))}}. \end{aligned} \tag{2.11}$$

Letting $z = e^{i\theta}$ and $w = \rho(\frac{z+a}{1+\overline{a}z})$ in (2.11) and after the straightforward calculations, we obtain

$$\operatorname{Re}\left(\frac{zF_z - \overline{z}F_{\overline{z}}}{F}\right) = \frac{1-|a|^2}{|a+e^{i\theta}|^2} \operatorname{Re}\left(\frac{wh'(w) - \overline{w\rho'(w)}}{h(w) + \overline{\rho(w)}}\right) > 0, \tag{2.12}$$

and we conclude that

$$F_\rho = \frac{az(h(\rho(\frac{z+a}{1+\overline{a}z})) + \overline{g(\rho(\frac{z+a}{1+\overline{a}z}))})}{(h(\rho a) + \overline{g(\rho a)})(z+a)(1+\overline{a}z)}$$

is in $S^0_{HS^*}$ for every admissible ρ. From the compactness of $S^0_{HS^*}$ [2] and (2.11), we infer that $F = \lim_{\rho\to 1} F_\rho$ is in $S^0_{HS^*}$. We also note that this theorem is a generalization of the theorem of Libera and Ziegler [3]. □

Corollary 2.5 *Let $f = h(z) + \overline{g(z)}$ be an element of $S^0_{HS^*}$, then*

$$\frac{\frac{(1-k)|u|}{1-k|u|^2} G(\alpha, \beta, -\frac{(1-k)u}{1-k|u|^2})}{(1 + \frac{(1-k)^2|u|^2}{1-k|u|^2})^2 (1 - \frac{(1-k)|u|}{1-k|u|^2})} \leq \left|\frac{h(u)}{h(ku) + \overline{g(ku)}}\right| \leq \frac{\frac{(1-k)|u|}{1-k|u|^2} G(\alpha, \beta, \frac{(1-k)u}{1-k|u|^2})}{(1 - \frac{(1-k)|u|}{1-k|u|^2})^3 (1 + \frac{(1-k)|u|}{1-k|u|^2})^2}, \tag{2.13}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{|w(\frac{(1-k)|u|}{1-k|u|^2})| \frac{(1-k)|u|}{1-k|u|^2} G(\alpha, \beta, \frac{(1-k)|u|}{1-k|u|^2})}{(1 + \frac{(1-k)^2|u|^2}{1-k|u|^2})^2 (1 - \frac{(1-k)|u|}{1-k|u|^2})} \\ &\quad \leq \left|\frac{g(u)}{g(ku) + \overline{g(ku)}}\right| \leq \frac{\frac{(1-k)|u|}{1-k|u|^2} G(\alpha, \beta, \frac{(1-k)u}{1-k|u|^2})}{(1 - \frac{(1-k)|u|}{1-k|u|^2})^3 (1 + \frac{(1-k)|u|}{1-k|u|^2})^2}. \end{aligned} \tag{2.14}$$

Proof Using Theorem 2.4, we have

$$\begin{cases} F = \dfrac{a.z.h(\frac{z+a}{1+\overline{a}z})}{(h(a)+\overline{g(a)})(z+a)(1+\overline{a}z)} + \dfrac{a.z.\overline{g(\frac{z+a}{1+\overline{a}z})}}{(h(a)+\overline{g(a)})(z+a)(1+\overline{a}z)} \\ \quad = H(z) + \overline{G(z)}. \end{cases} \tag{2.15}$$

If we apply Corollary 2.3 to $H(z)$ and $G(z)$ by taking

$$u = \frac{z+a}{1+\overline{a}z} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad z = \frac{u-a}{1+\overline{a}u}$$

$a = ku$, $-1 < k < 1$ and after straightforward calculations, we get (2.13) and (2.14). □

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